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DEVELOPMENT OF DOUGLAS' BACK-IN-TIME GARDEN  
HIGHLIGHTS S-D HISTORY CENTER'S MAY 24 PROGRAM

MAY 12, 2017 -- A celebration of spring's return to the Back-In-Time Garden behind the Old School House, 130 Center Street in Douglas, will highlight Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next free, public monthly program on Wednesday, May 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. The May program was pushed back from its usual second-Wednesday schedule, expecting to have the garden's rhododendron and azalea beds in full bloom for the event.

In this "walk-and-talk" program along the Garden pathways, History Center landscape committee members Ruth Johnson, Jim Schmiechen, John Migas, Lee Ver Schure and Mike Economos will recall the journey that transformed a forgotten and overgrown old schoolyard into a vibrant, informative attraction -- what prompted its design, what flora were chosen and why, what problems were solved along the way, and what secrets it holds.

Preceding the garden stroll, a brief indoor slide presentation will revisit the early stages in Garden development. In addition, a rendered plan will depict changes and additions being considered for landscaped areas and learning stations.

The Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's free monthly program series presents entertaining and informative insights into local history and community life. This month's program is jointly sponsored by SDHC members Donna and Tom Farrington.

The History Center (SDHC), a volunteer-based 501(c)3 organization, preserves the greater Saugatuck-Douglas community's local history, and inspires learning to inform and improve the community. SDHC also connects residents and tourists with the area's unique cultural heritage through planned activities and volunteer opportunities. For more information about SDHC, its award-winning Pump House History Museum and Old School House, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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See photos next page.



2012

Photos compare the Back-In-Time Garden as it was beginning to take shape in February of 2012 with the same view this year as spring once again commands greenery and flowers to wake up, turning the highest dune-top in Douglas into a “high point” in visitor experience...and a visual delight for its new neighbors.



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